



DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, October 23, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 23, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie
Erminia Ramirez
Willie Hampton (**ABS**)

Department Personnel Present

AC Ronald Fleming
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Cmdr. Brian Stair
3rd DC Angela Obey-Young
Lt. Robbin Bradford
Lt. Donna Jarvis
Sgt. Diane Benners
Sgt. Stephanie Smith
Sgt. Leroy Stafford
Sgt. Ulysha Hall
Sgt. Shirley Berger
PO Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Jonathan Rice
Cyrus Colley

Mary Lacy
David Gilhooly
Lawanda Hail-Ruffin

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, October 23, 2008**

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, October 16, 2008**

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Okdie seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Exec Dir Goss stated Police Officer Matthew Hernandez has requested a closed door session.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,321** active investigations, of which **1,099** of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 10/23/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	CENTRAL		1								1
1	COMMUNICATIONS						1			1	2
1	EASTERN		1								1
1	HOMICIDE						1			1	2
4	NARCOTICS	1	4				3	1			9
5	NORTHEASTERN		2				4				6
7	NORTHWESTERN		5				4			2	11
2	SOUTHWESTERN		1				2	1		1	5
1	TACTICAL						1				1
1	TRAFFIC ENF		1								1
6	Unknown Command		3	1		1	3				8
30		1	18	1		1	19	2		5	47

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, October 30, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, Michigan 48226

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On October 13th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 13000 block of Frankfort on a “Person with a Weapon/Assault.” The officers recovered a handgun and arrested a subject. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Felon in Possession,” “Felony Firearm 3rd,” “Felony Assault,” “Domestic Violence 2nd,” and “Habitual 4th.”

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Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	*10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	343-7506

* Mini-Stations

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Police / Community Intervention

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Northwestern District

On October 17th, while on surveillance in the area of Grand River and Greenfield, officers of the Northwestern District observed a subject, who was wanted for recent break-ins in the area, and another subject attempt to break into a building in the 14000 block of Greenfield. As a result of their investigation, both subjects were arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering with Intent," and "Habitual 3rd & 4th."



Eastern District Investigative Operations

On October 13th, officers of the Eastern District Investigative Operations investigated a "Robbery Armed" that occurred in the area of Edsel Ford Freeway Service Drive and Harding. As a result of their investigation, officers arrested two subjects, who were charged with "Armed Robbery," "Felon in Possession," "Felony Firearm," and "Habitual 2nd & 4th."



Northeastern District

On October 17th, while on patrol in the area of 7 Mile and East Outer Drive, officers of the Northeastern District investigated a vehicle for multiple traffic violations which resulted in a vehicular accident. As a result of their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Fleeing & Eluding 3rd," "Driving While License is Suspended," "Motor Vehicle Accident," and "Habitual 2nd."



Western District

On October 17th, officers of the Western District responded to the 18000 block of Livernois on "Check Fraud." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Attempted Uttering & Publishing."

AC Fleming stated he has the information on pregnant police officers' that the Chairperson requested at the last meeting and introduced 3rd DC O'bey Young of Payroll.

3rd DC O'bey Young gave a brief overview of several accomplishments and update on the Oracle Software.

SEE ATTACHMENTS

Chairperson Holley asked for the meaning of "lump sum" payment.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated a payment for members who have separated themselves from the department.

Chairperson Holley asked why is that an accomplishment.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated years ago the process made it difficult to pay those who had separated from the department.

Comm. Ramirez asked is that a result of the new system.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated no, the internal process is better now.

Comm. Ramirez stated once you go "live" you will be using the machine only.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated the both will be used concurrently.

Comm. Ramirez asked for how long.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated for a couple of months to make sure the system is working correctly.

Comm. Ramirez asked for the deputy chief to explain how "police trainers" will facilitate their own training.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated the payroll staff and the time keepers will be trained on the new system.

Comm. Ramirez asked is these are police officers.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated the time keepers are police officers and the payroll staff is civilians. There will be four-hour training for all department members by using their computers.

Comm. Ramirez asked why police officers are doing payroll instead of civilians.

AC Fleming stated a civilian time keeper could learn how to do it, but through history it works better with a police officer because they are familiar with all of the police codes regarding payroll.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated unless a civilian works in a police unit it is easier for an officer who knows about furlough an e-days.

Comm. Griffin asked how many time keepers are within the police department.

Cmdr. Wilson-Turner stated the position is "bid on" per their union contract. Each district has a time keeper consisting of one sergeant and one police officer.

Comm. Griffin asked why is lost equipment a payroll function.

AC Fleming stated an example is if you lose your prep radio you have to pay for it and that is deducted from your paycheck.

Comm. Griffin asked for an explanation of the 98 investigations recovering \$111,000.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated during their auditing they were able to catch an overpayment of monies that was paid through the payroll system.

Comm. Ramirez stated the system overpaid them.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated yes, after they are paid, a report is generated and they audit that report.

Comm. Ramirez asked is this the payroll system for the department.

3rd DC O'bey Young stated no, it the city's payroll system.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comm. Ramirez stated there were two interviews conducted last week for civilian investigator.

Comm. Okdie asked what committee report this is from.

Comm. Ramirez stated from the Personnel Subcommittee.

Comm. Okdie asked if she was the Chair of the Personnel Subcommittee.

Comm. Ramirez stated yes, on this one. She stated that she volunteered to interview these people. The supervisors have interviewed the candidates and

she did the follow-up interviews and recommends Ms. Faithe P. Ways be hired as a civilian investigator.

MOTION: **Comm. Ramirez** made the motion to approve the appointment.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated she will be recognized when she arrives.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Ramirez asked Atty. Washington if she could give the Board an update on the towing for the police department.

Atty. Washington stated she had two productive meetings with DC John Clark. She thanked AC Fleming for his involvement and support regarding this matter. Along with the Chief they discussed putting together a working group that will consist of a person from the Law Department, Chief Office, City Council, and other as well as this Board.

Chairperson Holley asked what the timeline.

Atty. Washington stated once this Board adopts a resolution to form this group, DC Clark envisioned that this group will be in place by the end of December.

Chairperson Holley asked would all of the towers on file will be represented.

Atty. Washington stated yes, and it is up to this Board if they want to include the non-authorized towers. The working group will provide a monthly report to this Board. DC Clark envisioned the project to last for at least twelve months.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 30, 2008
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

M. Lacy stated she has three exhibits that she would like to share with the Board regarding her case and would like to Board to utilize their power given to them by the Charter.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comm. Ramirez stated through the Chair that she moved that the Board of Police Commissioners enter into a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15. 268(h) of the Open Meetings Act, for rejected applicants, Jonathan Rice, David Edward Gilhooly, and Cyrus Colley.

MOTION: **Chairperson Ramirez** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Ramirez stated through the Chair that she moved that the Board of Police Commissioners enter into a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15. 268(a) of the Open Meetings Act, for PO Matthew Hernandez, Badge 1346, for personnel matters.

MOTION: **Chairperson Ramirez** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now be convened.

The Board went into closed session at 3:43 pm.

The Board returned from closed session at 5:08 pm.

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to return from closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley recognized Cmdr. Wilson-Turner sitting in for AC Fleming.

Exec Dir. Goss stated the Board is reconvening from a closed session regarding a suspension without pay recommendation of PO Matthew Hernandez, Badge 1346, assigned to Southwestern District.

Comm. Okdie asked if he could postpone the decision for three weeks to review.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to postpone the decision.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Ramirez stated the Board is denying Mr. Colley's appeal, but Mr. Colley can proceed with his appeal process through MCOLES.

MOTION: **Comm. Ramirez** made the motion to deny the appeal.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Ramirez stated the Board is denying Mr. Rice's appeal, but he can proceed with his appeal process through MCOLES.

MOTION: **Comm. Ramirez** made the motion to deny the appeal.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Okdie stated the Board is denying the appeal of rejected applicant David Edward Gilhooly.

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion deny the appeal.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley recognized Ms. Ways and welcomed her as a civilian investigator.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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